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Applicant: Richard F Selden et al. Application No.: 09/686,497 Filing Date: October 11, 2000 Our Ref.: 10278-022001

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Message

Dear Examiner Nashed:

Further to our earlier telephonic interview, please find enclosed for your review a <u>draft</u> reply to the office action (please do not enter the amendment and reply at this point).

We appreciate your suggestion to review the reply and let us have your comments. We look forward to your comments.

Regards, Leda Trivinos, Ph.D., J.D. 617-521-7024

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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